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TO: Registered Technicians Needing Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification

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SUB: Right-of-Way (ROW) Category 6 Commercial Pesticide Applicator Preparatory Class and Testing Opportunity

We want to make you aware of the opportunity to receive a Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification opportunity. As several of you know, your Registered Technician Pesticide Applicator certification is associated with the category in which you spray the most. If what you spray is mostly sidewalks, parking lots, fence lines, etc., then this certification may be one you need to do your job.

If you are interested in taking this class and ROW Category 6 exam, please be sure to follow the instructions below.

1. You need to order the Right of Way (ROW) Category 6 manual and if you need the latest version Core Manual please order it as well. The link to order these manuals is: **vttp.ento.vt.edu use the “Click here to order pesticide training manuals” banner**. Please allow two to three weeks to get the manuals delivered. If you ordered the books earlier this year, then you DO NOT need to reorder them.
2. You will need to fill out the application requesting a Letter of Authorization to take the exam. This letter must be obtained from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Office of Pesticide Services. The link to fill out the paperwork is: **vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification.shtml**
 - You will need to fill out form A of the Commercial Certification packet if you have not previously taken this exam and email it to Jessica.Huang@vdacs.virginia.gov at VDACS-OPS.
 - If you need to retake this exam fill out form B and email it to Jessica.Huang@vdacs.virginia.gov at VDACS-OPS.

Please allow at least three weeks for your request to be processed, it could take less or more time to process. The Letter of Authorization to test is good for ninety days from being issued. If you send the request online, turnaround should be

more timely in being processed and sent to you. Again, the Letter of Authorization to test is good for ninety (90) days.

3. Please **STUDY**, read, and review both the CORE and Right of Way manuals, as you will have to take two exams. The first exam will be from the Core Manual, and the second exam will be from the Right of Way (ROW) Category 6 Manual. These need to be **STUDIED** and reviewed prior to the class and examination day.
4. You will need to pre-register for the Right of Way (ROW) Category 6 Preparatory Class and Exam Day. Call the Brunswick County Extension Office at 434-848-2151 or email Cynthia Gregg at clgregg@vt.edu. **The Review class will be offered on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at the Southern Piedmont AREC at 2375 Darvills Road, Blackstone, VA 23824. Sign in will begin at 8:30 am, Review starts at 9:00 am to noon, Lunch will be on your own, Exams begin at 1:30 pm (Core Manual Exam at 1:30 pm - required, Right of Way (ROW) Category 6 will begin at 2:45 pm), and you have one hour to take each exam.**
5. You will need to attend the review class if you feel this will help you. You will need to bring your Letter of Authorization and a photo identification card, i.e., your driver's license if you plan to take the examination after the preparatory/review class. You may also take the exams at the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, instead of in person or online. If you want to take the examination online you must register for it, have a computer with a camera, and pay the fee to the vendor proctoring the examinations. Please contact your local Extension Agent for the information to test online.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your local Extension Agent, ANR Cynthia Gregg, Extension Agent, ANR in Brunswick County at 434-848-2151.